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SUBJ: VISIT OF ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES

REF: A) SANTIAGO 2037 B) BUENOS AIRES 2457

1. ARGENTINE FONMIN'S VISIT WAS HANDLED IN LOW KEY MANNER, WITH USUAL PROTOCOLARY EVENTS, MEETINGS WITH FONMIN CARVAJAL AND STAFF, AND WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET. PRINCIPAL POINT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 10 WAS PRESIDENT PERON'S OFFICIAL INVITATION TO PINOCHET TO VISIT ARGENTINA DURING APRIL, AND LATTER'S ACCEPTANCE. COMMUNIQUE SPOKE OF MINISTERS' "FRANK AND CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS" ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SAID RELATIONS HAVE REACHED EXCELLENT LEVEL. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE STIMULATING TRADE, AND MIXED COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC COORDINATION WILL MEET IN SANTIAGO IN MAY; A MIXED COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL INTEGRATION WILL MEET IN JUNE. MINISTERS ALSO SIGNED CULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

2. VIGNES REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THEY HAD DISCUSSED U.S.

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TRADE REFORM ACT AND VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO SOUTH

AMERICA, AND THAT THEY HAD NOT DISCUSSED BEAGLE CHANNEL QUESTION, SINCE IT IS UNDER LITIGATION.

3. CARVAJAL TOLD AMBASSADOR THE TWO PRESIDENTS WOULD MEET AT BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA, APRIL 18, AND THAT MINISTERS' DISCUSSION RELATING TO U.S. HAD BEEN IN FRAMEWORK OF "CORDIALITY" TOWARD U.S.

4. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM COMMUNIQUE AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES, PRINCIPAL PURPOSE MUST HAVE BEEN SETTING UP PRESIDENTIAL MEETING. WE HAVE IMPRESSION, CONTRARY TO THAT GIVEN TO EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES (REF B), THAT PINOCHET SOUGHT THE MEETING.

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